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Iran missile program nearly complete - Mordechai

By STEVE RODAN and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Iran, with massive aid from Russia, is on the verge of completing its development of ballistic missiles that can strike any part of Israel. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said.

But the US and Israel disagree over how to pressure Russia to immediately stop aid to Teheran before the Islamic republic achieves the ability to independently manufacture such missiles. The Clinton administration wants to concentrate on quiet diplomatic efforts, while Israel is lobbying Congress to cut off US

aid to Moscow.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Mordechai said the US and Israel have received intelligence information over the past few months that have led both countries to conclude that Teheran has progressed faster than previously thought in both its medium-range ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs. The most impressive progress was in Iran's missile program.

"Iran is on the verge of achieving capability of producing long-range missiles that have strategic dangers to Israel, as well as to US interests in the region," he said.

Mordechai said that, at Iran's current pace of development, Teheran will be able to manufacture missiles that can hit Israel, the Gulf states, Asia, and parts of Europe by 1999. He said Iran also wants to increase its chemical weapons and produce biological and nuclear weapons.

Western intelligence officials say Iran has embarked on three missile programs. One has a range of 1,500 kilometers, which can hit Israel, the Gulf states and Asia. Another has a range of 3,000 km, which can hit much of Western Europe. A third is a program to develop a missile of 5,500 km, believed to be largely aimed at striking US targets in the

Pacific.

Mordechai said US intelligence officials now have a more alarming assessment than that of their Israeli colleagues of how close Iran is to achieving its goal.

The new intelligence, Mordechai said, shows that Russia has violated months of pledges to stop aid to Iran's missile and non-conventional weapons programs.

"We tried all ways, through the Americans, also directly to the Russians," Mordechai said. "There were [Russian] people, including ministers, who promised them that they will stop [sending] technology and capability to Iran. They promised that to the president

of the US, [to US Vice President] Al Gore, the prime minister [Binyamin Netanyahu] and others who visited Russia.

"We were surprised to learn that the opposite took place: that Russia and Russian companies have accelerated the process; that Iran can achieve independent capability in these areas as fast as possible so they won't be under pressure."

Mordechai said Israel has concluded that it must increase diplomatic efforts to stop the Iranian effort. As a result, officials have lobbied their colleagues in Europe, Russia, and the US to stop the

transfer of technology to the Islamic republic.

But the Clinton administration opposes the use of US economic aid as a lever to stop Russian aid programs to Teheran. Mordechai acknowledged that US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is opposed to a cutoff of American aid to Russia.

"We believe that we need additional measures to impress on the Russians, for them to understand that it will hurt their economic interests and other interests as well," Mordechai said.

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Israel Radio reports:

IDF training for war with PA

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IDF troops reportedly staged a series of military exercises near Jenin last week aimed at reconquering Palestinian-controlled areas and battling PLO fighters assaulting Jewish settlements.

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According to Israel Radio yesterday, soldiers practiced recapturing a Jewish settlement that had been overrun by the Palestinian Police. In the drill, the IDF succeeded in its mission, but suffered a great number of casualties, the radio said. Other units carried out maneuvers, including operations in Palestinian areas, the radio said.

The exercise took place one year after the bloody riots that followed the opening of an exit to the Western Wall Tunnel. It was seen as sending a message to the Palestinian Authority that the IDF has learned the lessons of last year and is preparing for the possibility of an all-out war with the Palestinians.

The IDF, which has previously acknowledged it has contingency plans for a major conflagration with the Palestinians in the territories, refused to elaborate on the reported exercise, saying it does not discuss operational activity or training.

But one military source dismissed the idea that it was actually aimed at reconquering the territories. "There was an exercise, but it certainly was not aimed at recapturing the West Bank," said the source.

Quoting a senior PA security official, Reuters said the IDF had trained with helicopters, tanks, and troops near Jewish settlements around Jenin.

Military Intelligence and the General Security Service have steadily warned of the increasing possibility of a renewed Palestinian uprising in the territories, saying this time it would include gun battles with Palestinian forces. They also say that PA cooperation in fighting terror is conditional on progress in peacemaking.

According to *Ha'aretz*, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government has rejected this intelligence assessment. In an interview last week with Channel 2, Netanyahu called the *Ha'aretz* report inaccurate and incomplete.



Travelers jam Ben-Gurion Airport last night in an attempt to fly out before today's scheduled strike. (Ben Osovsky/Israel Daily)

General strike set for today

By DAVID HARRIS

By midnight last night, it appeared that the Histadrut would go ahead with an open-ended general strike starting at 6 a.m. this morning, affecting some half a million workers, despite last-ditch negotiations with the Finance Ministry to avert it.

Hishtadrut and Treasury representatives met three times over the weekend in an attempt to prevent what the Histadrut is dubbing as the largest-ever strike in Israel's history.

The National Labor Court also considered appeals last night from the state, the Manufacturers Association, the banks' representative organization, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and the Union of Local Authorities in Israel, for injunctions against the strike.

MK Avraham Poraz of Shimui

asked Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak to personally intervene and call off the strike.

"I'm neither optimistic nor pessimistic," Finance Ministry Director-General Shmuel Slavin said. "We have until 5:59 a.m. to prevent the strike."

But by midnight the Histadrut had already set the wheels in motion for strikes throughout the economy, including the private sector.

Full strikes were expected to paralyze government offices, including the National Insurance Institute, the Employment Service, local authorities, schools, banks, the Postal Authority, the fuel industry, buses, airports, seaports, military industries, textile and food industries, metalworks, agriculture, and electronics industries.

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Court verdict on Olmert fraud charges due today

By ELLI WOHLGELERENTER

The Tel Aviv District Court is expected to rule today in the campaign fraud trial of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

The case involves the 1988 Knesset elections and the 1989 local council elections, when Olmert was treasurer for the Likud, and a member of a non-profit organization in charge of donations to the party.

According to the indictment, Olmert is accused of intentionally misleading the state comptroller by "hiding the fact that the Likud received, against the provisions of

the Campaign Funding Law, contributions from Israeli corporations."

The corporations received receipts indicating they had paid for "advertising," thereby enabling them to claim the campaign donations as business expenses, in violation of tax laws, the indictment says.

It also charges that in its report to the state comptroller after the 1988 elections, the Likud did not include corporate contributions in the total for campaign contributions received.

Olmert refused to comment on the case yesterday.

At his court appearance on May 21, Olmert testified that he had not been in charge of donations from Israeli companies. He said that those responsible, Yona Peled and Menahem Atzmon, had been tried and convicted for the offenses.

"That year I was extremely busy," said Olmert. "I had no time to think about anything. I had to appear every evening at three or four places as part of our campaign."

According to Olmert, Atzmon was in charge of contributions. "I trusted him and Peled implicitly," he said.

Weizman to meet Mubarak in Egypt

By SARAH HONIG

President Ezer Weizman will meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today in Alexandria, to discuss the peace process and the case of Israeli Druse Azzam Azzam, who is serving a 15-year sentence in Egypt for espionage.

Also expected to be discussed is Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's announcement of plans to further expand Efrat in Gush Etzion, plans which have angered Palestinians.

Weizman, an architect of the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, has strong ties with Mubarak. This visit was arranged after Mubarak telephoned Weizman to express condolences over the September 4 suicide bombings on Rehov Ben-Yehuda which killed 5 Israelis.

The formal invitation arrived this weekend, and Weizman, with Netanyahu's approval, decided to head right away for the meeting, before his scheduled departure for Washington to meet President Clinton after Rosh Hashana.

Weizman met Netanyahu on Friday to discuss the trip. They also discussed Weizman's planned US trip and the latest political steps between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Afterwards Weizman met with Egypt's Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny to plan the Egypt visit.

Weizman will fly directly to Alexandria and meet Mubarak late in the morning through lunch. (News agencies)

Barak's 'Sephardi strategy' faces convention test

By SARAH HONIG

The Labor Party engaged yesterday in hectic efforts to get as many of its 3,700 convention delegates as possible to come today to the southern development town of Netivot, for a special sitting of the party convention.

This session is part of party chairman MK Ehud Barak's strategy to woo Sephardi voters away from the Likud. Thus the central resolution on the convention's agenda is the "Recognition and apology for past errors and turning over a new leaf."

Barak is expected to repeat and embellish the apology he gave last Thursday, in which he asked the Sephardim to forgive generations of Laborites for "the pain and suffering" they caused them in the early days of the state.

This apology, while recognized as an attempt to improve the party's electoral prospects, is not universally applauded in Labor. Many argue that no one appointed Barak to speak on behalf of past generations, or ascribe sins to departed leaders who, to judge from their own pronouncements, did not consider themselves guilty.

Leading this anti-apology school of thought are former party secretary-general Nissim Zivli and would-be secretary-general Haggai Merom.

Merom said last night that "even the most pressing political expediency does not provide anyone with the license to

rewrite history according to his momentary convenience and need. The end does not always justify the means."

"The State of Israel in its early days did not have the means to provide newcomers with any more luxurious absorption than they were given, and veteran Israelis also did not have enough to eat. To claim that there was any wrongdoing and guilt, is to unjustly administer an impediment, callous slap in the face to the generation which founded the state and in particular to David Ben-Gurion."

"Barak, as someone who has only recently mounted the Labor bandwagon, certainly has no authority and no right to pass judgment on anyone or to apologize on behalf of deceased leaders."

The Likud has sharply criticized Barak's remarks.

At a toast for the new year hosted by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Friday, Science Minister Michael Eitan said that "the first apology by Barak on behalf of generations of Laborites should have gone to the Likud and all its predecessor generations - the Revisionists, Herut, and Gahal - who always took up the cause of those in Israeli society shunned by the ruling elitist establishment."

Shas' Aryeh Deri said that "as long as there is the slightest link between Labor and Meretz, Barak cannot win Sephardi hearts."

Tens of thousands mark end of Talmud study cycle

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Some 26,000 people are expected to pack Madison Square Garden this evening for the celebration of the *Daf Yomi Shvun Hashas* - the completion, after over seven years, of the daily study of the 2,711 pages of the Talmud.

The New York area overflow - another 18,000 people - will be at the Nassau Coliseum on Long Island.

All told, 70,000 are expected to participate in the event, which was organized in North America by Agudath Israel of America. They will attend via satellite hook-ups from around the globe, including Jerusalem, Johannesburg, London, Montreal and San Diego.

Daf Yomi ("A daily page") is a study program in which students learn a page of Talmud each day. The study of the entire Talmud takes about seven-and-a-

half years.

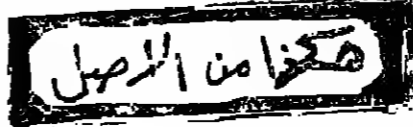
The concept originated in Vienna in 1923, at the First International Congress of Agudath Israel, and was the brainchild of Rabbi Meir Shapiro of Poland, later the Lubliner rav.

The program was devised to unify Jews around the world by having them study the same page of Talmud each day. Participants study alone, or in groups meeting in homes, synagogues or - in one case - as studious commuters on the Long Island Railroad.

Daf Yomi has spawned a variety of tools to aid participants and has taken advantage of modern technology to extend its reach. These include the Internet and "Dial-a-Daf," which provides phone or taped daily Talmud lessons in Hebrew, English and Yiddish. It is said to be used by tens of thousands of people in Israel and North America.

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NEWS

in brief

Sharansky 'secretly' meets Sandy Berger

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky met in Washington with National Security Adviser Sandy Berger on Thursday without Ambassador Eliyahu Ben-Elissar's knowledge, according to an embassy official.

Motorcyclist killed near Tel Aviv

Motorcyclist Yigal Levy, 29, from Rosh Ha'ayin, was killed and his passenger slightly injured when their vehicle skidded and overturned by Geillot junction near Tel Aviv last night.

Battalion commanders recognized

Reserve and active duty battalion commanders from across the country will be hosted tonight by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and the IDF general staff in Tel Aviv in recognition of their service to the country.

Rosh Hashana gifts for soldiers

Holon schoolchildren and their parents made a special delivery on Friday, bringing hundreds of Rosh Hashana gifts and food parcels to IDF soldiers serving along the northern border and in the security zone.

RUBY BIRKAN

passed away on Friday, September 26, 1997. Deeply mourned by his wife Judy, sons Selwyn, Lionel and Paul, and their families. Funeral today at 11:30 a.m. in Herzliya

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

Mrs. SYLVIA FINER

widow of Rabbi Morris Finer. The funeral was held Saturday night at Har Hamenuhot. Shiva at the residence of the deceased 10 Yehuda Kami St., Ramot B 135/1, Jerusalem. David Judah and Mimi Finer and family, Yitzhak (Benet) and Paula Finer and family, Sharon and Yoel Ben-Avraham and family

My beloved wife, our mother and grandmother

FRANZI FEUER

has left us forever. Deeply mourned by: husband Eric R. Feuer, sons: Dan & Ilana Schiller, Gad & Nava Schiller, grandchildren: Ofer, Ifat, Inbal, Dana, Elnat. The funeral will take place today, September 28, 1997, at 1:30 p.m. at Moshav Salyit. Shiva at Gad Schiller, 88 Hagolan St., Ramat Hachayal. Bus leaves at 12:15 from the deceased's home 43 Aharonson St., Ramat Gan

We mourn the sudden passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister

MARION MARKOVITZ

For information about funeral arrangements please call (02)5630852. Shiva will be observed at the home of the deceased 21 Disraeli St., Jerusalem. Selichot & Shacharit 6:30, Mincha 17:15. Hershel Markovitz, Naomi Markovitz, Joshua Markovitz, Sarah Markovitz, Jacob Pinnolis, Sophie Stern, Helen Rosenbaum, Bette Sank and families, Ayelet Pinnolis

PA rounds up Hamas activists

By STEVE RODAN, MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority security forces rounded up 70 to 100 Hamas activists over the weekend as PA officials accused movement leaders of violating an understanding to halt terrorism against Israel.

The crackdown was launched to preserve national security, said one police official, who declined to be identified. "We will not allow anyone to violate our laws by a word or by an action."

The Gaza Islamic Society, its sports club, the Moslem Women's Society, the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development and the Islamic Compound were among 16 institutions shut down.

Senior Hamas official Abdul-Aziz Rantisi said the PA crackdown will split the Palestinians.

Yesterday crowds protested by a checkpoint near the settlement of Kfar Darom in central Gaza, while Fatah called for demonstrations to mark the anniversary of the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit last year, which saw 76 killed in riots near IDF checkpoints.

Yesterday scores of Palestinians stoned IDF troops. One IDF soldier was injured by stones and two Palestinians were shot by rubber bullets used by IDF troops to disperse the rioters.

The Palestinian Police said two 15-year-olds were shot in the legs. Palestinian sources claimed that had their police not intervened the rioters would have come into physical contact with IDF troops.

Arafat refuses Abdel Rahim resignation

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has refused to accept the resignation of PA secretary-general Tarek Abdel Rahim, who has wanted to quit since Israeli evidence disproved his repeated claims that the suicide bombers who attacked Jerusalem recently came from abroad.

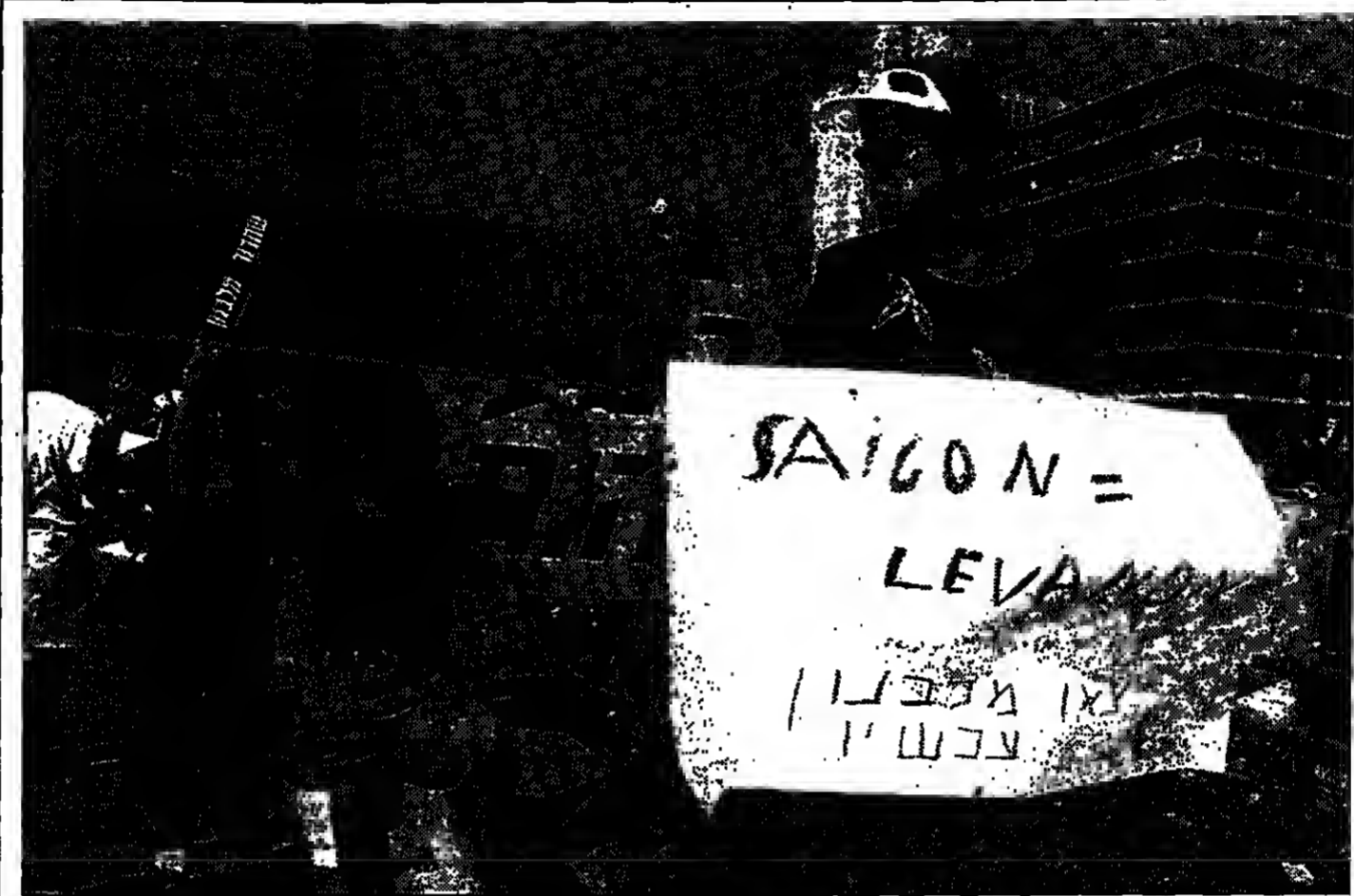
PM rejects US call for settlement freeze

By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Friday rejected a renewed US call for a freeze on Jewish settlement expansion in the West Bank, saying his "prudent" policy promotes only natural growth.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright - who had been critical of Netanyahu's announcement last Wednesday of planned additional construction in Efrat - seemed to backtrack on Friday. She said the move was ill-timed, but that "if you were just to make the act on its own, it's not something that is particularly provocative. Frankly, it is within the boundaries of an existing settlement."

"I think you don't see anyone suggesting that construction be stopped in the Arab communities, which have natural growth as well, and no one would realistically suggest freezing life," Netanyahu told a Jerusalem news conference, when asked if Israel might temporarily halt settlement construction to facilitate peace talks.



'Withdraw from Lebanon' Efrat Spiegel (right), who lost her son, Yoav, in Lebanon in 1983, demonstrates on Friday in Jerusalem's France Square with other members of the Mothers of Soldiers in Lebanon group, calling for the IDF's immediate withdrawal. (Ariel Jersolimski)

Jordan: Tourists attacked Amman Hamas leader

AMMAN (Reuters) - Jordan confirmed yesterday that a Hamas leader was attacked in Amman on Thursday after a clash with Canadian tourists, and admitted to hospital with a concussion. Hamas said the Mossad was involved and vowed revenge against Israel for the attack on political chief Khaled Mashal, three days after the shooting of two Israeli embassy guards in Amman. Jordan said the two incidents were not connected, but admitted that they found strange chemicals on Mashal's body.

Minister of State for Information Samir Mutawae said, "It appears that two Canadians were shopping in the area near Mr Mashal's office. They were suspected by his driver, so some form of quarrel happened." He said that after the first confrontation, Mashal's driver chased the men by car to another site where they clashed again and were all arrested. Mashal's driver Mohammed Abu Seif said from his hospital bed that one of the men had covered his hand with a cloth before the attack. "Their aim was to kill him [Mashal] because it would have been difficult to kidnap him as there were too many pedestrians in the street," Abu Seif said.

'Missing' family was safe in hotel

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

One telephone call to notify worried relatives that they were safe would have prevented an intensive search by over 1,000 people Friday and yesterday for David and Sara Gorenstein and their five children.

When the Gorensteins failed to show up in Ma'aleh Michmah on Friday afternoon for a family brit, concerned relatives alerted police and the IDF, fearing they had been abducted by terrorists or had been in a car accident. Security forces set up a field headquarters at Ma'aleh Michmah and immediately organized an intensive search that included some 700 soldiers, 300 policemen, and hundreds of volunteers, as well as two helicopters. Israel immediately notified Palestinian security forces asking for their assistance in the investigation.

On Friday, after setting out from their home in Talmon in the Binyamin region for Ma'aleh Michmah, the Gorensteins took a wrong turn, and ended up traveling for two hours without locating the settlement. "I was scared that I would end up in an even worse situation; I didn't know exactly where I was," David Gorenstein told Army Radio last night. Fearing that if they tried to backtrack, they would not make it to Ma'aleh Michmah before Shabbat, they decided to drive to Jerusalem, where they checked into a hotel for the weekend. A desk clerk who heard about the ongoing search told the family yesterday morning, and David Gorenstein immediately went out to find a policeman. He flagged down a passing police patrol and was shocked to find the policeman knew who he was. "The knew exactly who I was, what I looked like; they knew all my particulars," he said. "I didn't do this on purpose, but I know I deserve some kind of punishment." Police, although relieved at the news, found it difficult to comprehend that the family had not bothered to contact anyone, particularly during such tense times. "When such an incident occurs we consider all possibilities, and that involves hundreds of IDF troops, policemen, and members of the security services," Judea and Samaria police chief Cmdr. Yossi Sidon said yesterday. Tzvi Urbach, who helped organize the search, said, "They didn't bother to make one phone call; I don't understand it."

STRIKE

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The Israel Electric Corporation and Bezeq's operator lines 144, 166, 188, and 199 were to operate on a Shabbat footing. The Mekorot national water company was to work only with special Histadrut permission. Health services were also to suffer disruptions. Emergency facilities, such as Magen David Adom and Fire and Rescue, were scheduled to operate on a limited basis. Kupat Holim Clalit employees at 1,200 clinics and 14 hospitals and public health nurses were also to deal only with emergency cases. However, staff in dialysis, oncology, and casualty departments were to keep normal hours. Strike plans brought chaos last night to Ben-Gurion Airport, after thousands of passengers contacted Friday by El Al were told to arrive early for flights that were supposed to leave today, so as to avoid the strike. About 25 flights originally scheduled for between 6:30 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. were moved up to last night. The busiest period was expected to be between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., or just before the strike deadline. Without a strike, today would have been one of the busiest airport days in the year, with some 250 planes carrying some 40,000 passengers expected to land or depart in advance of Rosh Hashana. "We will not change plans now even if the strike is called off," El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said last night. Most trains were not supposed to run today, but 16 were scheduled this morning for soldiers only. Dairies and slaughterhouses were to function normally. Treasury and Histadrut officials spent much time Friday trying to reach agreement to avert a strike, after talks Thursday between Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz. The Treasury negotiators were led by Slavin, while senior strike organizer Shlomo Shani headed the Histadrut delegation. The principal differences between them remain the government's planned privatization program, structural economic reforms, and pensions. Peretz alleged it was unfair for the prime minister and finance minister to be eligible for pensions worth NIS 22,000, while an average pension comes to only NIS 3,000 to NIS 4,000. Haim Shapiro contributed to this report.

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Ararat refuses... Arafat refuses... PM rejects US call for settlement freeze



Foreign Minister David Levy (left) shakes hands with Bosnian Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic in New York on Friday after the two signed an agreement establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Bosnia and Israel establish relations

By MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK - Foreign Minister David Levy and Bosnian Foreign Minister Jadranko Prlic signed an agreement on Friday establishing diplomatic relations...

signing here, where he was attending the opening of the 52nd UN General Assembly. "It was only natural that the State of Israel was among the first to extend a helping hand to the Bosnian people in their hour of need."

Croatia, another former Yugoslav republic, established diplomatic relations with Israel earlier this month after the Zagreb government apologized in August to the Jewish people for crimes committed by the country's Nazi-backed administration during World War II.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Terror village

The debate between Prime Minister Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Arafat over whether the Jerusalem suicide bombers came from abroad or from territory under Arafat's jurisdiction remains controversial throughout the media...

Peretz vs. Friedman

"[Histadrut Chairman] Amir Peretz is frantically resuscitating a dying body and is succeeding in eliminating the Histadrut's last supporters," states Maariv's Sima Kadmon.

Charlie Biton in Maariv claims that "they are all liars and hypocrites and no one believes them, and Barak is no different from previous leaders."

An ambassador's farewell

Barak's Apology

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak's apology to the Sephardi community on behalf of previous Labor Party leaders provoked an extensive response.

US Ambassador Martin Indyk is leaving Israel after 2 1/2 years of intensive involvement in Israeli politics. In an interview with Yediot Aharanot's Nahum Bamea and Shimon Shiffer, he says Syria is the most significant factor in achieving comprehensive peace.

US diverts funds for PA to Jordan

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - One of Congress's most vexing Middle East riddles - What will happen to \$100 million once budgeted for the Palestinians? - has been resolved. The funds are heading to Jordan.

That is the outcome of a compromise reached Thursday between the administration and House international relations committee chairman Benjamin Gilman, who clamped the funds for over a year to protest Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's shortcomings in fighting terrorism.

The administration originally directed the money to the Holst Fund for the payment of salaries in the autonomous areas. Withholding the funds has made Gilman a hero to some, including many in the Jewish community, and a villain to Palestinians.

Earlier this month, the administration requested that Gilman free the money for a Gaza sewage treatment project, but he rejected the plan because the time to believe that now is the time to reward Arafat.

With the fiscal year ending Tuesday, Gilman wanted the funds to stay in the region rather than be returned to the US Treasury, and returned to the US Treasury, and returned to the US Treasury.

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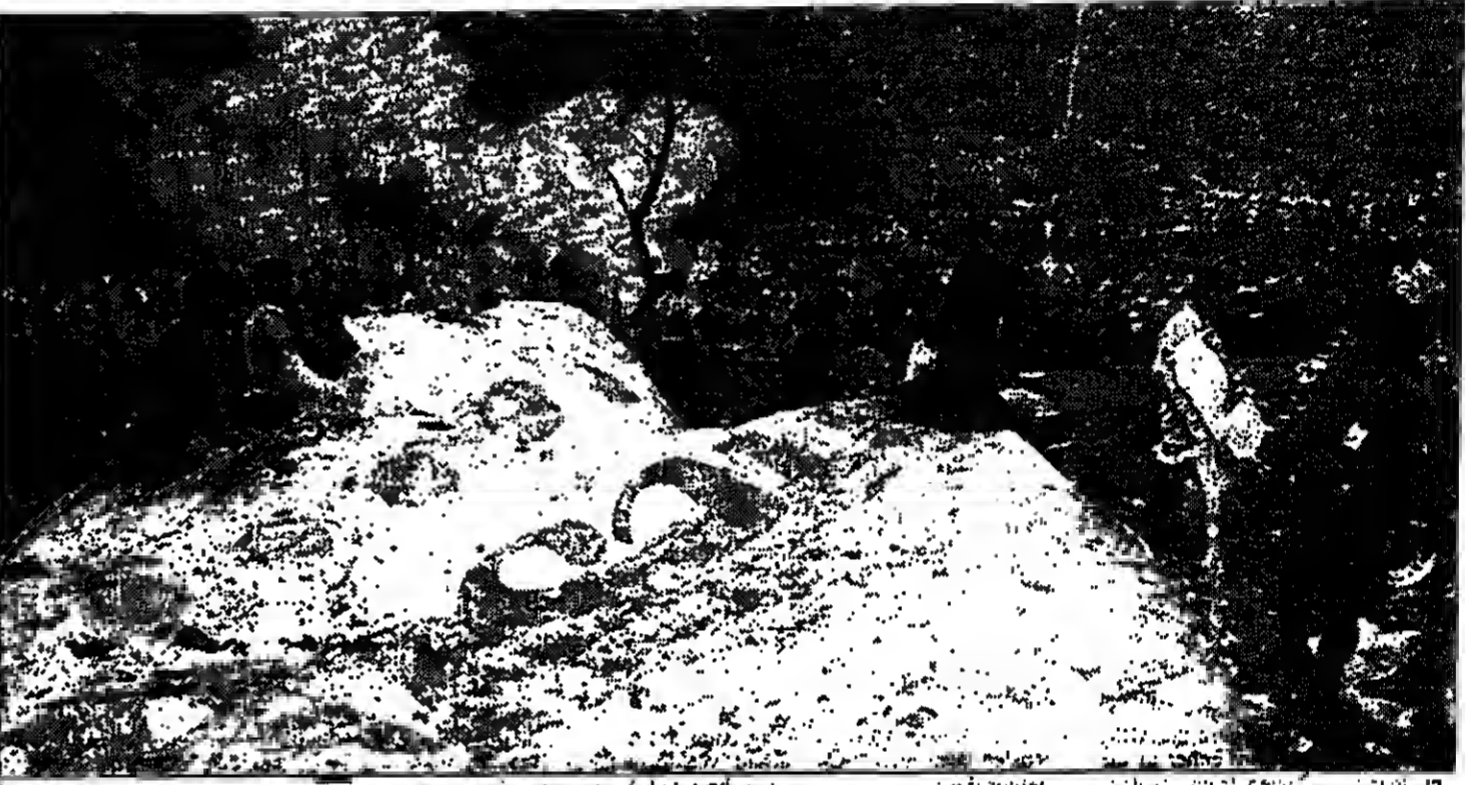
The Royal Yacht 'Britannia,' which Queen Elizabeth II is reported to be giving up, is shown passing by the new Hong Kong Convention Center in Hong Kong Harbor in June. (AP)

Queen may give up royal yacht

By PAUL MYLREA
LONDON (Reuters) - Queen Elizabeth has agreed to abandon plans to replace or overhaul Britania's royal yacht after the Labor government decided it would cost too much, newspapers reported yesterday.
They said the government had calculated that even if private finance could be found for either a new yacht or a refit of the current one, it would face \$19.3 million in annual running costs.
The 44-year-old *Britannia*, which has steamed over one million kilometers in her career, hosting trade shows and diplomatic functions as well as carrying the royal family, is due to be decommissioned at the end of 1997.

Officials checking if smog caused Indonesia plane crash

By LAURINDA KEYS
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Teams of workers coughing on forest fire smoke used vines to clamber up a jungle slope on the island of Sumatra yesterday to recover the remains of 234 people killed in Indonesia's worst air crash.
After more than 24 hours of probing the smoldering, ash-covered ground - their hands wrapped in cloth as protection from burns - rescuers had not found the flight recorders that could indicate whether the haze from hundreds of fires contributed to the disaster.
The Garuda Airlines plane, a 15-year-old twin-engine A300B-4 Airbus, crashed on Friday afternoon, local time, on a flight from Jakarta to the Sumatra island city of Medan, where fires set by plantation and timber company workers to clear land have been burning for months.
Before the recovery was suspended at sunset yesterday, the searchers ran out of plastic bags and had to use banana leaves, pieces of carpet, old clothing and bamboo vines to wrap body parts. They were transported in army trucks to two hospital morgues in Medan, 32 kilometers east of the crash site.
Most of the bodies - thrown 200 meters by the force of the crash and explosion - were unrecognizable.
President Suharto ordered that unidentified bodies be buried in a mass grave at an air force cemetery in Medan tomorrow. Identified bodies would be handed back to their families.
"All passengers and crew on board the plane that crashed were killed," said Transportation Minister Haryanto Danurito.
Most victims were Indonesian, and there were at least a score of foreigners.
A special team will search for the flight data and cockpit voice recorders once the recovery of bodies is completed, Haryanto said. The so-called "black boxes" will be instrumental in figuring out what downed the plane.
Stressing that the cause of the crash is still unknown, Haryanto ordered the Medan airport to remain closed last night "for the time being" to ensure no other aircraft are endangered. "The haze in Medan is getting thicker and visibility is only 300 meters," he said.
It was unclear what role visibility played in the crash. An airport official said that Medan is equipped with the more advanced glide-slope indicator that guides an incoming plane to the runway, not the old-fashioned, simple beacon.
The official said the plane had been on instrument approach for the airport's main runway, called 05, one of two at Medan. That would indicate the pilot was relying more on readings from instruments than on what he could see out the window.
No flights were allowed into Medan yesterday, delaying the arrival of specialists from the airplane's manufacturer, Airbus Industrie, as well as hundreds of mourning relatives.
More than 200 bodies have been recovered, but only 11 were identified by yesterday afternoon, the official Antara news agency reported.
Witnesses reported seeing the plane hit trees and explode, but some said the jet was in trouble - possibly with an engine afire - before it crashed. The site contained hundreds of tiny pieces of the plane, passengers' belongings, and small body parts strewn in the black ash and mud amongst small flickering fires.
Ida Tarawaty, a farmer's wife from the nearby village of Buah Nubar, told Indonesian television, "I saw the wing of the plane hit a tree and fall off, and there was a fire." Farmer Daniel Ginting said he heard a loud explosion before the plane crashed and broke into pieces.
Six Japanese, three Germans, two Americans, a Dutch citizen and at least one Malaysian were among the passengers on board, the airline said.
The Jakarta newspaper, *Suara Pembinaan*, counted 21 foreigners aboard: two British, three French and one Belgian citizen. Six Taiwanese were also killed.
Garuda said the pilot, identified as Rachmo Wiyogo, 40, had worked for the airline for 20 years and had clocked 15,000 flying hours.
The official Antara news agency said the plane descended into the haze as it prepared to land at Medan.
The ash-filled smog - which has spread to Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Thailand and the Philippines - is caused by fires set to clear the land cheaply. The hundreds of blazes have burned fiercely for two months.



Rescuers look for bodies in the wreckage of the Garuda Airline A-300 Airbus that crashed Friday near Medan in northern Sumatra. None of the 234 passengers and crew aboard have survived. (Reuters)

Hong Kong schools ordered to switch from English to Chinese

HONG KONG (Reuters) - Hong Kong's Education Department has ordered schools to switch from teaching in English to Chinese from the next school year, starting September 1998.
Hong Kong, a predominantly Cantonese-speaking community and former British colony, returned to Chinese rule on July 1. Cantonese is one of many Chinese dialects.
In a statement obtained yesterday, the department said it would get tough on schools that failed to comply.
"The Director of Education has made it clear...she will consider where appropriate...administrative measures," an Education Department spokesman said.
Some of the measures mentioned included the end of benefits to support schools adopting mother-tongue teaching, the appointment of managers to schools that chose not to comply and changes of school sponsorship.
"We in the Education Department are firm in our resolve to promote mother-tongue teaching for the benefit of our students. We look to schools, parents and our community for support and cooperation," the spokesman said.
Schools in the territory are governed by the Education Ordinance. Section 82 of the ordinance states that schoolmasters can be jailed and fined if they refuse to follow instructions, the *South China Morning Post* newspaper reported.
The Education Department was not available for comment.

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Order to Report for Registration at District Recruiting Offices
Male and female Israeli citizens and permanent residents, born between September 11, 1980 and April 4, 1981, both dates inclusive, must report for registration at their district recruiting office, in accordance with the Order to Report for Registration which they have received.
Men and women born between the above dates who have not received an Order to Report for Registration must register at 8:00 a.m., at one of the recruiting offices mentioned in Table A, on the date appropriate for their date of birth, as given in Table B.
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Tel Hashomer - Recruiting Office, Tel Hashomer IDF Base (near Kiron)
Haifa - Recruiting Office, 12 Rehov Omar el-Khayam
Beersheba - Recruiting Office, 22 Rehov Yed Vashem
Tiberias - Recruiting Office, Rehov Nazrat
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A woman who is married, is the mother of a child, or is pregnant, and who does not have a certificate testifying that she is legally exempt from defense duty, is required to come to a recruiting office and to bring documents testifying to her personal and family status, in order that she may be issued a certificate exempting her from duty.
From the date of publication of this notice, anyone who is required to report and who wishes to go abroad must obtain a permit to do so from the commanding officer of a recruiting office.
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NOTE: The complete text of the Order to Report for Registration will be published in Kovetz Hatakanot.

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Iran completes large military maneuvers

TEHERAN (AP) - Warplanes will refuel in air and troops will stage night ambushes in the final stage of Iran's largest military maneuvers, the state-run news agency reported yesterday.
More than 200,000 troops, hundreds of armored personnel carriers and dozens of warplanes have taken part in the exercises, which began earlier this month, the Islamic Republic News Agency said.
Top military officials will attend the culmination of the maneuvers today south of Teheran.
That exercise will involve 80 jet fighters, fighter bombers, cargo aircraft and more than 100 helicopters, the agency said.
Iran, one of the leading powers in the Gulf, carries out dozens of military maneuvers each year. But the agency quoted military commanders as saying that these exercises, dubbed Zulfiqar, were the biggest by Iran or any country in the Middle East.
Brig. Gen. Ahmad Fathi-Pour, an infantry commander, said that Iran's military might did not threaten any country. He said the message of the exercises was "peace and stability in the region."
The United States and Israel have declared that Iran poses a threat to the region and have accused it of engaging in a massive re-armament program that includes efforts to acquire nuclear weapons. Iran has said its nuclear program is peaceful.

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And man created darkness

A major earthquake in Italy, a killer cyclone in Bangladesh and, in a fog of polluting smoke, a plane disaster in Indonesia and a ship collision in Malaysia. It was a relentless weekend of disasters, and it becomes more obvious that the hand of mankind is creeping into some areas of nature where once only the hand of God could be perceived.

open until the proper investigations are concluded, there is no denying that the haze pollution across all these nations has been the environmental story of the year. It is a warning that mankind has become absolutely reckless in mowing down all that nature seems to put in the way of progress.

Off the fence

The endless debate over the looming common currency for the European Union has taken an intriguing turn. There are signs that Britain is reconsidering its hitherto unyielding resistance to joining.

referendums in Scotland and Wales, brought the IRA to the peace table in Ulster – and then saved the floundering monarchy by masterfully managing the dangerously emotional funeral of Princess Diana.



Spiritual stock-taking

How does a Jew do heshbon nefesh? Beat his breast and repent for his sins? No. He reaches over in the guy sitting nearby and hits him on the chest. Finding fault with others is something that politicians, journalists, columnists and others do all year long.

Peace inactivity

Shimon Peres announced the setting up of a new peace organization last week. It is not yet clear whether this is meant to be the founding of a new political party, as an alternative to the actionless Labor Party, or whether this will be another research center whose objective is to heighten awareness of the real benefits that peace can bring to both Israel and her neighbors.

LABOR PARTY should be given time to reorganize. Once the party elected its new leader, so we argued, we would see a real opposition. But it is now three months since the election of Ehud Barak, and Labor remains invisible.

The peace movements continue to behave as though they were in power and that no action is necessary to save the peace process. True, they have not been helped by Hamas. It is very difficult to persuade people that peace is a good thing when bombs are going off.

At first, we believed that the peace process had sunk to one of the lowest points since the beginning of the Oslo process in 1993. The writer is professor of political geography and director of the Humphrey Institute for Social Research at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Excessive UK mourning

The scene is a London cocktail party, not long after the funeral of Princess Diana. On the surface, all is as it should be: There are canapés, crudités and champagne, men in suits, a speech from the man whose birthday it is.

ANNE APPLEBAUM Certainly no politicians have complained publicly about the manner in which events have unfolded, not even when the frequently unfair press criticism of the Queen or Prince Charles got dangerously out of hand.

most of her charities a few years ago, in most cases by sending a terse fax. But plenty of people without any special access to Diana felt the same way. At least one banker friend announced that he and his other banker friends had been supporting one another's skepticism by e-mail: frequent messaging, he explained, made them feel less isolated amid the general public uproar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORAL EQUIVALENCE Sir, – Jews moving into a legally purchased and leased home in our capital of Jerusalem constitutes provocation according to the Arabs and left-wing Israelis; this "provocation" justifies the next wave of terrorism against innocent Israelis.

THE REAL PRIME MINISTER Sir, – Will the real prime minister of Israel please stand up, so that the people can see who it is that is governing this country. It is Binyamin Netanyahu, with his fumbling attempts to move from one clumsily managed crisis to the next?

FROM OUR ARCHIVES 60 years ago: On September 28, 1937, The Palestine Post reported the assassination of Lewis Yelland Andrews, Galilee District Commissioner, shot dead together with his police escort, Constable Peter Evans, by four Arab terrorists on the threshold of Christ Church at Nazareth.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES 25 years ago: On September 28, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that according to Abaron Yariv, chief of army intelligence, 12 Soviet Antonov planes had so far landed in Damascus as part of the airlift of Russian arms in Syria.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES 50 years ago: On September 28, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that in a long-awaited British statement on Palestine policy, Arthur Creech Jones, the Colonial Secretary, told the 55-nation Special Palestine Committee of the UN that his country would not implement by itself or probably with other nations jointly, any UN solution which is not agreeable to both Jews and Arabs.



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New first-aid book to the rescue

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Of all the unsung heroes in a society, among the most laudable are the paramedics, doctors, nurses and voluntary laymen whose split-second judgment and expertise often save people's lives. Be they injured in traffic accidents, terror attacks, falls, or endangered by a heart attack or some other acute ailment, their future hangs in the balance.

While defibrillators, plastic airway tubes and resuscitation masks are essential in any ambulance, basic knowledge — knowing what to do and what not to do — is often more important than state-of-the-art equipment in emergency situations.

Dr. Yoel Donchin and Natan Kudinski have produced an impressive 327-page book that encompasses the latest information and techniques in the field. Entitled *Etza Rishona Lehatzilat Haim* ("Saving Life with First Aid") and published by the Ministry of Defense, the Hebrew-language textbook includes a number of anatomical charts and 3-D illustrations.

The most striking are the numerous color photographs, some of them taken by doctors on the job. The pictures are so gory that a layman would avert his gaze. There's a photo of a man with a metal cable thrust through his neck; a head gashed by a hatchet; an injured woman with an incredibly swollen tongue and victims of burns, gunshot wounds and bicycle injuries. One can't avoid photographs of a bus plunged into a wadi or the aftermath of a bus bombing, which have become an all-too-frequent part of the Israeli experience. The

photographs were not published to shock, however, but to serve as an educational illustration of the work at hand.

Donchin, an emergency-medicine specialist at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine, teamed up with Kudinski, director of the training department at Magen David Adom.

A professional committee from the Israel Defense Forces' Medical Corps supervised the project, and some two dozen other experts helped with the book's preparation. It is on sale for NIS 79 at bookstores. Kudinski hopes it will be widely read. The Defense Ministry is considering translating it into English and Arabic as well.

The advice in the book is as useful on the battlefield as it is on the roads. In fact, some of the information is the result of dozens of analyses of military incidents in which soldiers were wounded and treated onsite. Outgoing chief medical officer Dr. Yehoshua Shemer dedicates the book to medical corps staffers who died while trying to save the lives of fellow soldiers.

The first Hebrew-language first-aid manual was produced in 1931 by *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association. The thin 76-page handbook was written by Dr. D.A. Friedman, based on lectures by senior Tel Aviv surgeon Dr. Arye Alotin. Soon after, in 1936, a much more comprehensive first-aid book came out, this time the work of Dr. A. Levy, head of the public health education department at the Hadassah clinic. The IDF issued a large book in 1949 that focused on battlefield

injuries. The latest first-aid "bible" before the current one was published in 1989 by the Center for Educational Technology and the IDF Medical Corps. It was written by Ilan Yeshua.

The new, user-friendly textbook — the result of two years of work — appears with the most up-to-date medical information, including the latest guidelines on handling trauma set down by the American College for Life Support and the American College of Surgeons.

Although primarily aimed at those who provide first aid on a daily basis, the average person could gain much from reading it as well.

Anyone trained in first aid must be a kind of detective, the authors note. They must immediately look at the circumstances of the injury, as the small details can offer clues about internal injuries. For example, if the dashboard of a car is smashed, one should look at the wrists and knees of the victims, which probably crashed into it. If a passenger or driver was pulled from a burning vehicle, one should check the lungs for smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning. If a car hit something with great force, internal organs such as the liver, spleen or aorta — which are held in place with tissue — can rupture due to the sudden impact. When an adult is hit by a car, the hips and knees are usually the first to be hit by the bumper, while in children it's the chest and abdomen.

Although it's a very serious subject, the authors permit themselves to inject a bit of humor, such as the following: When dealing with a motorcycle accident, tell the cyclist anything — including that all his bones are broken — but assure him that his hike is in one piece!



Paramedics, doctors and nurses must be 'detectives' searching for the small clues that point to internal injuries.

A good way to remember the order of examining a victim, say the authors, is to follow the first five letters of the alphabet: A (airways open); B (breathing); C (circulation); D (disability); and E (exposure, in which one undresses the victim to look for hidden injuries). After these five steps are dealt with, the rescuer can check secondary signs: Are the pupils of equal size? Can the mouth be opened easily? Are any ribs broken? Is the person in pain? The authors advise profession-

als to take detailed notes when filling out forms on the scene, as even the smallest bits of evidence can be very important in treating the patient.

Shock gets a chapter of its own. This refers to a serious injury of the body systems that results from a disruption in blood circulation. Within a short time, shock can shut down vital organs such as the kidneys, brain and heart. If not treated in time, the patient will die. A detailed chart is helpful in diagnosing shock and the relevant stage, from I to IV.

There are also separate chapters for skeletal and abdominal injuries, burns from chemicals and fires, climatic (heat and cold) injuries, diving accidents and chemical warfare (with illustrations of the gas masks we know so well from the Gulf war).

Treating children gets special mention. Not just because youngsters have less than half the amount of blood as adults, but because identifying trauma in babies and children requires special attention.

Noting that the Hebrew word for "medic" is *hoveish*, which means binding with bandages, the book describes various techniques of ministering to victims with broken bones. Dramatic photos of a baby being born highlight the section on delivering a newborn.

Treating insect and snake bites is not overlooked. Neither are photos of silicone ear and nose implants.

The volume appropriately concludes with injuries that are not physical: emotional crises, including post-traumatic stress disorder, to which medics and other professionals exposed to the horrific side of life are certainly not immune.

Will Dubek be coughing up compensation?

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Like many other Israelis, Haim Ezri started smoking when he was drafted — influenced by tobacco ads that depicted smokers as fearless machos. By the time he was discharged from the Israel Defense Forces in 1972, Ezri was puffing on 80 Royal and Time cigarettes a day.

When smokers at Dubek's 41st brands' manufacturers, launched a long strike several years ago, Ezri was so desperate that he forced his way into the office of the manager of the cigarette factory, pleading for a new supply. The manager finally gave in, selling him two boxes with 50 packs each.

In 1988, Ezri complained to his doctors about recurring throat infections and hoarseness. They urged him to quit smoking, but he said he had become addicted to nicotine. Five years ago, he was diagnosed with laryngeal cancer. After radiation treatment he is unable to work regularly. Married and the father of three, the 46-year-old Ezri needs help to get through the day.

Having "lost most of the pleasures of life to smoking," Ezri is one of 15 smokers or their relatives who are suing Dubek — the country's 65-year-old tobacco monopoly — for a total of NIS 15 million in compensation.

Lawyers Gidi Frishtik and Alon Geller have asked the Tel Aviv District Court to recognize the case as a class-action suit. If the court agrees, some 100,000 Israeli smokers who have suffered irreversible ailments will be able to sue as well.

Some, even anti-smoking advocates, might argue that Ezri and others like him should take responsibility for their actions. They smoked and should now pay the consequences. But the legal questions involved in this case are not so cut and dried.

The lawyers will argue that Dubek, like other tobacco companies around the world, manufactured and distributed a dangerous product while knowing that it had the potential to kill its customers. Tobacco-leaf processing requires nicotine — an addictive substance — to be removed and then returned to the tobacco. Manufacturers then add chemicals that increase the drug's absorption into the bloodstream.

The plaintiffs' lawyers charge that Dubek developed strains of high-nicotine tobacco to make as many customers as possible addicted and increase the company's profits.

For decades, Dubek has mass marketed its products. And it advertised them with the message that smoking would bring consumers health, joy, virility and social status. One of Dubek's old brands, Silon, was advertised in the '50s depicting soldiers and the slogan "Silon — security for the smoker." Another Dubek brand boasted: "My throat is happy and so am I." The advertisements drew attention to customers' heads the falsehood that filters "catch the cigarettes' waste products," and that "lite" cigarettes, with reduced tar but 4,000 other chemicals, were



The company advertised its Silon brand using words like 'security' and 'protection.'

less lethal than "regular" ones.

The lawyers prepared a thick booklet comprising such advertisements, along with copies of *Tobacco News*, a Hebrew-language newsletter supposedly published by the Israel Smokers' Association, but in fact financed by Dubek. These monthly bulletins included such pseudo-scientific "revelations," as "Why it's worthwhile to smoke: Smokers burn more calories" and "Smoking improves thinking and concentration."

Soon after the 1964 US Surgeon General's report declared that smoking causes fatal illnesses, many Western countries began to require tobacco products to carry health warnings. But Dubek lobbied to prevent these warnings from appearing on its cigarettes during the '60s and '70s. In 1983 legislators were finally able to overcome Dubek's objections.

But even now, anti-smoking activists argue that the warnings are too small and not varied to catch smokers' attention.

Since 1983, the lawyers continue, Dubek "has flagrantly violated" the law by puffing up huge billboards and adorning cars with cigarette ads, without the accompanying warning. It has broken regulations by using well-known personalities and young models to sell its products. It also sponsors entertainment and sports events — using its brand names, without the health warnings — which are attended by thousands of young people.

"To widen the circle of addicts," Dubek distributed its products free or in exchange for coupons among IDF soldiers," the lawyers charged.

The lawyers' brief contains authoritative opinions by some of the country's leading medical experts on the subject of smoking and its effects on health. Prof. Meir Barzai, an internal medicine specialist at Hadassah-University Hospital, declares that tobacco companies and "smokers' rights advocates" regularly disseminate falsehoods and misleading state-

ments. They point out people who died at 90 after decades of smoking and compare them to those who died at 45 without ever having had a cigarette in their lives.

Barzai says this argument "illustrates the difficulty in understanding the concept of risk. The smoker who ignores the warnings on his cigarette pack is like the driver who zooms beyond the speed limit despite the traffic sign that forbids it. He may survive the trip — if he avoided other dangers such as a sharp turn or drinking alcohol." But many smokers' lives will be made miserable and cut short by smoking.

As for those who argue "Let me enjoy my cigarette. Why do you care what I do in private?" Barzai counters that it costs the public NIS 1 billion a year to cover the costs of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

That's NIS 18,000 for one angioplasty, NIS 40,000 for bypass surgery and NIS 200,000 for a heart transplant. "Why should non-smokers have to pay for that?" he demands.

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Rx FOR READERS

Kippot don't cause baldness

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Does wearing a head covering for religious reasons — such as a kippa in men or scarfs, hats and wigs in women — cause baldness? I have noticed this phenomenon in many people, but I don't know if it's a scientific observation. J.P., Bnei Brak.

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HEALTH SCAN

Traditional beliefs about glaucoma challenged

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Contrary to medical beliefs that have been standard for a century, glaucoma is not caused only by excess pressure of liquids inside the eye.

A new theory, recently proven by Prof. Alan Harris of Indiana University's School of Medicine at Indianapolis, blames vascular insufficiency (inadequate blood supply to the eye) or vascular spasms for "erosion" of the optic nerve, leading to blindness from glaucoma.

The disease affects two percent of the world's population over the age of 40.

Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot will soon be the first in the country to obtain a special device that accurately measures blood flow to the optic nerve and the rest of the eye.

Once the device is installed in the ophthalmology department, patients will be able to undergo testing and then receive medications that treat blood-flow abnormalities and vascular spasms.

The device carries out a tomographic scan of the optic nerve using lasers; when ultrasound is added, one can measure blood flow to that part of the body exactly.

According to Harris, an Israeli-horn physician who heads one of the world's largest glaucoma research centers and visited Israel recently, as many as 60% of glaucoma patients suffer from changes in the optic nerve without showing high intra-ocular pressure.

His research has appeared in a number of medical journals, including the *American Journal of Ophthalmology* and the *British*

Journal of Ophthalmology. Now that Harris and colleagues have proven the connection between ocular vasospasms and disturbances in blood flow to glaucoma, various non-conventional medications are being considered for the treatment of the disease.

These include calcium channel blockers that have traditionally been used for treating hypertension and cardiovascular diseases, as well as nitrates, which are typically used in cardiology for ischemia (lack of oxygen due to

poor blood flow) in the coronary vessels.

Other medications being considered are angiotension antagonists, which are primarily designed to treat patients with systemic high blood pressure.

Scientists are now looking for new medications to improve blood flow in the eye and reduce spasms of the ocular blood vessels.

The device will also be used at Kaplan to follow up diabetes and AIDS patients whose sight is affected by the disease.

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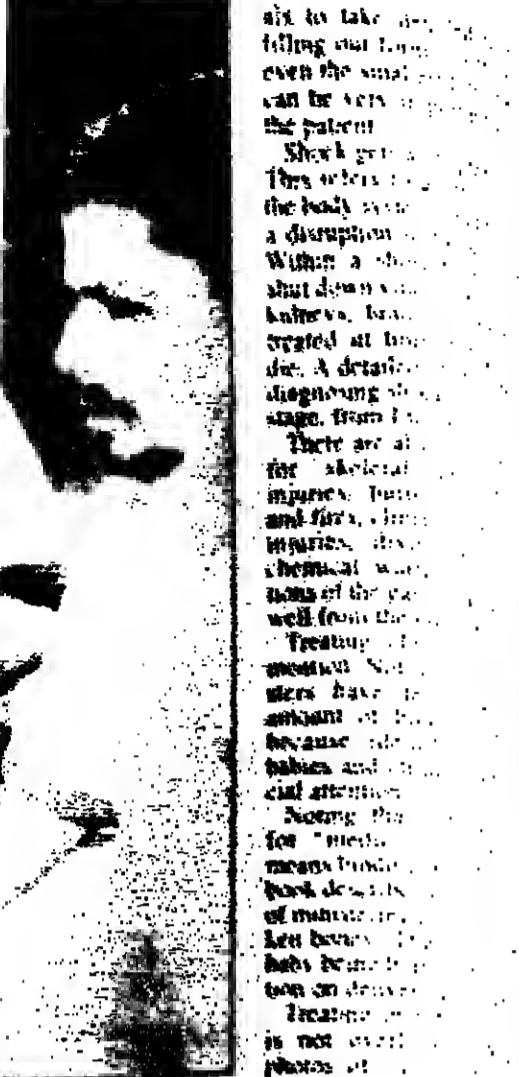
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Hap. Tel Aviv fly high, Maccabi plummet



By DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS
Tel Aviv's big two clubs - Maccabi and Hapoel - continue to be the focal points of the seventh round of National League soccer action played over the weekend, but for very different reasons.

water when the southern's defense collapsed once again. The Negev side lost 5-4 at home to Hapoel Haifa.

According to the script, Maccabi Tel Aviv's nightmare start to the season should have ended with Friday's visit to Ashkelon, however the home side's goalkeeper Assi Rahamim performed magnificently to keep the Tel Avivians off the scoresheet.

45th minute shortly after Bnei Yehuda's Alon Schwager was sent off.

No fireworks as Betar, Hap. PT draw 1-1

The National League's two most entertaining teams failed to provide the quality football both are capable of in Petah Tikva.

US stunned as Europe take 9-4 Ryder Cup lead

VALDERRAMA, Spain (Reuters) - Europe left the United States shell-shocked and reeling as they stretched their lead to five points by shutting out the Americans on the second day of the Ryder Cup yesterday.

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CAPTAIN'S ORDER'S - European team captain Seve Ballesteros tries to give advice to Colin Montgomerie from the edge of the 14th green, as US captain Tom Kite looks on.

dream as the fourballs progressed, first Colin Montgomerie and rookie Darren Clarke won by one hole over Love and Fred Couples after Montgomerie birdied the 16th and 17th holes and Clarke safely parred the last.

"It was one of the greatest matches I've ever been involved in," Woosnam said. "I think we were eight under for the day and that's impressive on a course like this."

The other remaining foursome - involving Swede Jesper Parnevik and Spanish rookie Ignacio against Tom Lehman and Phil Mickelson - was stopped at all square after 12 holes.

Graham's Leeds do Arsenal a favor

LONDON (Reuters) - Arsenal pulled a point clear in the English premier league yesterday, helped by former manager George Graham.

Leeds' Graham, without a home win all season, beat champions Manchester United 1-0 at Elland Road with a 34th minute header banged in by David Whelan.

Derby were the biggest scorers of the day, beating Southampton 4-0 with all the goals coming in an eight-minute period late in the second half.

Sampras, Rafter win to meet for \$1.5 million

MUNICH (AP) - Pete Sampras overcame 37 aces from Britain's hard-serving Greg Rusedski yesterday to reach the Grand Slam Cup final and win a chance at the \$1.5 million title money.

Morocco escape Davis Cup ban

LONDON (AP) - Morocco will be allowed to play in next year's Davis Cup despite refusing to go to Israel for a match this season.

Albert pleads guilty to assault and battery; NBC fires him

ARLINGTON, Va (AP) - After three days that put the details of his sex life on trial, well-known US network sports anchor Marv Albert pleaded guilty to assault and battery charges that could bring him a year behind bars and perhaps a lifetime of humiliation.

Sampras, Rafter win to meet for \$1.5 million

His win sets up a showdown for tennis' richest prize with fast-rising US Open champion Patrick Rafter, who needed four match points to win a four hour, 17 minute marathon against Czech player Petr Korda.

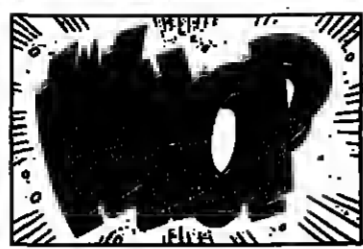
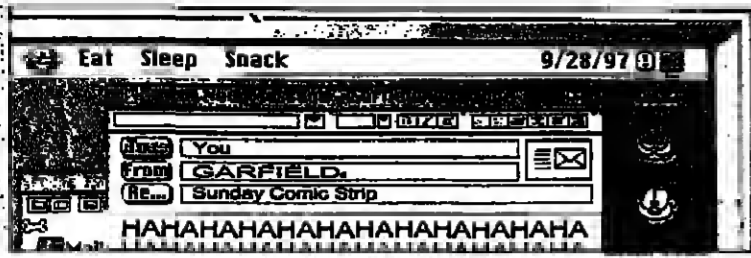
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Rafter collected \$750,000 for reaching the final at the lucrative event. He was also given \$250,000 bonus for entering as the US Open champion.

SCOREBOARD - GERMAN SOCCER - Weekend Bundesliga results: VfL Wolfsburg 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bayern Muenchen 1, Werder Bremen 3; Borussia Dortmund 1, Hansa Rostock 1; Hamburger SV 2, VfL Bochum 1; Borussia Moenchengladbach 1, Karlsruher SC 1; Schalke 04 1, Borussia Dortmund 1; Bayern Muenchen 1, Schalke 04 1.

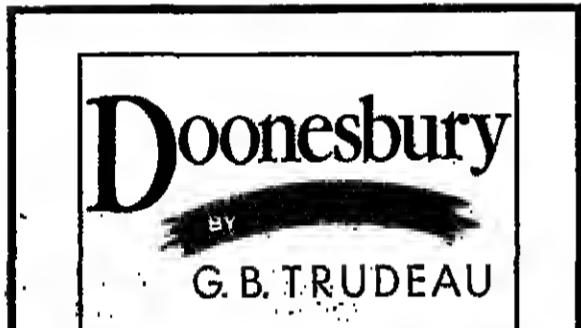
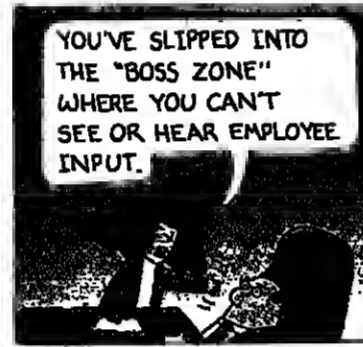
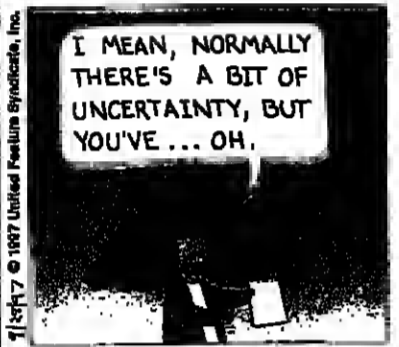
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US Jews in dilemma over Israeli gun sales

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Navigating through a political and moral mine field, American Jewish organizations are cautiously trying to oppose a TAAS-Israel Industries contract to sell assault weapons in the US, balancing their support for gun control against support for Israel.

Meanwhile, Senator Dianne Feinstein, a mighty advocate of gun control, has asked President Bill Clinton to temporarily suspend the import of some semiautomatic weapons.

"Even if it is technically legal, the importation of these weapons is highly problematic," said Martin Raffel, associate director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, an umbrella organization of Jewish community relations councils and defense agencies in the US. "No one thinks it was a good idea to sell these weapons in the US. The only question is how to express it," Raffel said Friday.

"We're not against the Israeli arms industry by any stretch of the imagination. We are for a strong Israel," Raffel said. "We're certainly not trying to undermine Israel's ability to defend itself through a strong arms industry." Americans, in

general, are passionately and sharply divided on gun control, resulting in a confusing array of laws that attempt to regulate access to weapons in a society where the right to bear arms is enshrined in the Constitution.

The Jewish community, which generally backs gun control, squirmed because it appears that Israel was stoged out for criticism when Feinstein said that, "By advancing this export, the Israeli government is putting the official imprimatur of its people on the commercial sale of weapons designed, not for hunting but for combat, not to protect but to kill."

Feinstein, a California Democrat, asked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a letter on September 11, to intervene to cancel the contract, which could import to the US tens of thousands of Galil- and Uzi-like assault weapons.

The American Jewish Congress wrestled with its opposition to the Israeli contract, noting the irony of calling on another country to exercise restraint on behalf of Americans, when the Americans have been unwilling to impose limits on themselves.

"The American people could decisively end this practice by making all such imports illegal if we wanted to," Phil Baum, executive director of the AJC, said in a statement last week. "These terrible weapons have no place in American life no matter where they may be manufactured."

According to the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Israeli weapons have been sufficiently modified to meet the technical legal requirements for import into the US.

However, Feinstein said Thursday in a Senate speech that the export of semiautomatic assault weapons into the US may violate a 1968 gun control law, which allows the import of only those firearms "generally recognized as particularly suitable for, or readily adaptable to, sporting purposes."

Feinstein has asked Clinton to suspend the import of specific semiautomatic weapons until there is a review about whether these weapons are suitable for sporting purposes. "These weapons are not designed for sporting purposes. They are not designed for hunting," she said Thursday.

"They are the weapons of choice for grievance killers, for gangs, and for those who go up against the police. They are designed to kill large numbers of people in combat, just as the Uzi and the Galil were designed for the Israeli military to do just that," Feinstein said. "They have no place on the streets of a civilized society."

The American Reform movement has backed Feinstein and has asked Netanyahu to halt the sale, saying that "weapons of war intended to help save lives in the Middle East [should] not contribute to the bloodying of American streets."

WEATHER

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Frankfurt	08	48	22	72	clear
Geneva	08	48	22	72	clear
Helsinki	04	39	14	57	clear
Hong Kong	22	72	28	70	cloudy
Johannesburg	10	50	27	81	clear
London	17	63	28	78	cloudy
Los Angeles	12	55	24	73	clear
Madrid	15	59	21	70	clear
Moscow	01	34	08	37	cloudy
New York	11	52	24	73	clear
Paris	09	48	22	72	clear
Rome	12	54	24	75	cloudy
Stockholm	07	45	16	61	cloudy
Sydney	12	54	24	75	cloudy
Tokyo	18	64	24	75	cloudy
Vienna	11	52	18	64	cloudy
Zurich	09	48	20	68	cloudy



'Shihot' services
Shofar blowers (from left) Yitzhak Ben-Shoshan, Danny Yomtov and Beni Yomtov sound 'shofarot' at an early morning 'shihot' service last week at the Ateret Mordechai Sephardic Synagogue in Jerusalem's East Talpiti neighborhood. Ashkenazi congregations began saying 'shihot' last night. (Joe Malcom)

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Teen suspect in US killing arrested here

Answering a request from US authorities, police here placed a 17-year-old suspect in a Maryland killing under arrest yesterday.

The suspect, Samuel Sheinbein, who reportedly suffered from a drug overdose and psychiatric problems, was checked into the Abarbanel Psychiatric Hospital in Bat Yam, under orders from a district psychiatrist Friday.

Sheinbein and an alleged accomplice, Aaron Benjamin Needle, are charged with murdering Alfredo Enrique Tello Jr., 19, in Maryland. A real-estate agent last week found Tello's dismembered and charred remains inside a home she was going to show.

Friday, the US Embassy issued a formal extradition request had been submitted to Israel.

The Washington Post said Sheinbein arrived in Israel on Monday, three days after Tello's body was discovered. The daily said the family's attorney had arranged Sheinbein's return and his surrender to US authorities, but that he failed to board a flight from Tel Aviv to New York on Thursday. (AP)

Diehard smoker attacks hospital staffer

By JUDY SIEGEL

A 42-year-old day-hospital patient caught smoking in a hallway of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem broke the wrist of a senior hospital staffer last Wednesday, after being asked politely to move to the smoking corner.

The patient, who undergoes treatment in the internal-medicine day unit on a regular basis, hit deputy housekeeping department director Rami Pinhas on his wrist with the metal pole holding his infusion bag. It was the first such attack involving enforcement of the no-smoking law at Hadassah.

"He was smoking under the 'No Smoking' sign," recalled Pinhas, who does volunteer rounds — wearing a special badge — to restrict smoking in the hospital. "I asked the patient to move a few meters down the hall to the smoking corner. But even before I could finish my sentence, he attacked me with the metal stand."

"I called a security man, who took control of him and moved him to the department. The patient refused to apologize in writing and promise to smoke only in designated smoking areas, so I had no choice but to file a formal complaint with the police," Pinhas said.

When his pain did not dissipate, Pinhas went to the emergency room, where an X-ray showed a fracture in his right wrist.

"I quit smoking myself five years ago," said Pinhas, 41, and the father of three, "and now I

realize how much it bothers and harms other people. I hadn't paid attention to it before."

Pinhas noted that restricting smoking at Hadassah is not just a matter of health or aesthetics.

"We want to bar smoking entirely, but patients and visitors refuse to observe this. We spend many thousands of shekels a year on replacing linoleum flooring that is burned by tossed cigarettes. There have also been small fires caused by butts thrown into waste baskets."

Pinhas charged that the Jerusalem Municipality and the police "do nothing" to enforce laws restricting smoking in public places and workplaces like Hadassah. "Their inspectors never come here when we ask for them. So our hospital guards and volunteers have to hand out summonses to people who refuse to stop smoking. All the municipality does is pocket the money from the fines."

Hospital chief administrator Moshe Wolfenson added that Hadassah has offered to hire staff to enforce the no-smoking rules, on condition that it collect the fines to cover the expenses, but the municipality refuses to go along with this and demands the money.

A city spokesman said representatives of the municipality and the hospital met twice to discuss the issue and agreed that since there is a police station in the hospital, the hospital guards would enforce no-smoking laws on the premises and call the police if necessary.

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